

RE What does it mean to belong to a church or mosque? Year 1

Anchor event: Visit local church

What should children already know?

Vertical links to previous RE learning/ topics:
EYFS RE topic: How are special times celebrated?
Who and what are special to us?

How does this link to other learning this year?

Harvest Festival – Autumn term visit to church

How does this link to other school learning?

Key Learning

What does it mean to belong? What groups do you belong to? How do you show that you belong to them? What signs and symbols do you know/recognise? What information do they give us? What symbol could we have to show we belong to Y1?

Introduce Christian symbols of the cross, candle and fish.

Recap work on special places from EYFS. Talk about a church being a special place for Christians and why. Learn that Sunday is the special day for Christians when they meet together at their church. Talk about other times people go to church. What do Christians do at church to show they belong? Learn features of a church. VISIT

What special clothes are worn by Muslims? What are the signs and symbols that are important to them? What do people do inside the mosque? What are the main features?

Key Vocabulary/ Concepts:

symbol	A picture or object that represents something else
crucifix	A cross with Jesus on it
altar	Table in church where bread and wine are blessed in Communion
pulpit	Where the priest delivers their sermon
font	Bowl used in baptism service
pews	Benches for congregation to sit on
lectern	Stand for the Bible to rest on
aisle	Passage between the rows of pews
Stained glass	Coloured windows often telling Biblical stories or messages
organ	Musical instrument that accompanies hymns
hymn	A song of praise
minaret	Tall tower of the mosque where call to prayer is said
minbar	Raised platform for Imam to speak from
mihrab	Niche in a wall in the mosque to show the direction of Mecca
dome	Rounded shape on the mosque over the prayer hall
Imam	Leads worship on the mosque

Key figures/Places/Symbols



Links with other religions/world beliefs

Humanist Do not have a regular place of worship
Sikh Gurdwara
Hindu: Temple, shrines in homes and streets
Judaism: Synagogue
Buddhist: Temple